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THE PROSPECT BEFORE US.

Everything which reaches us in the way of news from the United States indicates the early inauguration of active, heavy, and, if possible, crushing operations. The statement of a gentleman regard to the aspect of affairs at the South, published some two weeks since in the *Appeal*, but ought to be disseminated by the vagrant or exile patriots, well described by Mr. VEST, of Missouri, in his speech in the House the other day upon the subject of conscripting Marylanders—seems to be confirmed by the latest accounts by flag of truce. The accounts which reach us from Washington about GRANT's general programme for the summer, though problematical, as to details of specific designs, are no doubt true in their aspects of general intention or purpose. Whatever may be thought of the credibility of this individual item of news, or that, enough may be derived from hint or innuendo to satisfy an undemented mind, or a mind not severely suspecting subjection of determinate preparation, for, if possible, a debilitating, if not a final blow.

Now we have never been of that school of "feet" or sanguine patriots who, being away from home and not in the army, give response to their cause in magnifying their own loyalty and disdaining that of other people, in various extenuations with their tobacco juice, or else, in vanishing in provincial journals, that every report of preparation made the Teachers in a canard, or, if not, will prove a failure; and that every conquest is a loss, and every victory a defeat. We confess we have never been of those redolent or aromatic propensities to join military and patriotic faith who think that the best way to conquer an enemy is to let him take possession of all our lines of communication, and advance and justify in the heart of the country. Indeed, to make a clean breast of it, and tell the whole truth, as much as it may shock some people, we never have thought that the loss of New Orleans, Vickburg, Chattanooga, and Knoxville, or the loss of Tennessee, Arkansas, or Missouri, or Kentucky, with their rivers, railroads and supplies, a blessing, military or political, my more than we would think the similar loss of Richmond, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Savannah, Montgomery, and Mobile, and the remaining Confederate States, would secure our independence.

But we have no objection to making the most in the way of consolidation out of disaster, and are not induced to do what we may towards lifting up the popular heart and hope in periods of depression, we think the experience of the past has proved, that overreaching the tardy hyperbole as to our own powers, preparations, or advantages, or underestimating it in swaying disengagement of those of the enemy, have produced evil to the cause rather than good, even if in thinking so, we can comprehend on our own loyalty among the patriotic and colloquial/neger consumers not, amongst us. Whether regard be had to the past or future, we think it the part of wisdom, military and moral alike, to look possible or probable facts fairly and unbiassedly in the face, and to accept the contingencies implied in the reports or rumors from the North, as the stern alternatives to be met in the spring and summer.

It will be remembered that just one year ago, nations looked as lame or as glum to the enemy as they look now to us, and that it took a turn positively unfavorable to us, and we may venture the belief, without exciting demoralizing hope in the popular breast, that by the summer solstice, the tide of success will be turned in our favor; and that not deduced from the fervor of the amateur patriots or hypocritical snarlers as of what the enemy will act, or do, or which if he does, will count nothing, but from our inherent strength and timely preparation.

By reference to the emancipation, in another column, it will be seen that the source of the benefit of John Morgan and his command, which has been prepared by the leading of Atlanta for some time, will positively place-to-morrow evening.

EE Trains on the Southern Railroads are now running regularly through to Pearl river, says the *Brander Reptiles*.

We call attention to the advertisement of Montgomery Hall, Montgomery, Ala.

The proprietor, Capt. Joe Hill, is well and favorably known from Memphis to New Orleans as one of the best, most accomodating and obliging landlords in the world. He has had a long experience in hotel business, and we advise all who are fond of good cheer and their money's worth, to patronize the Hall.

CONDITION OF OUR ARMS—If the truth be told, says the *Richmond Examiner*, we may say that our arms are now better clad and shod than in any former winter campaign of the war. The principal suffering is that from the difficulty of subsistence. Besides this, our soldiers have hardly one-third the utensils absolutely necessary to cook the miserable pitiable issued.

From an officer in the army of Tennessee, we see the *Richmond Standard* of the 11th, who arrived here last evening, we have the most encouraging account of affairs in that quarter. The officers and men have great confidence in Gen. Johnson, and the condition of the army has been much improved, both as regards numbers and supplies. It is estimated that there will be strong recruits from a portion of that department which will greatly surprise the public before many days.

NOT A LOSS LEFT—The *Yankeeville (N.C.) Observer* has seen a letter stating that a negro, named John H. McLean, had shot off his hat, and showed her that he had none to give her, the Yankees having shaved his head in the Ohio penitentiary.

MORNING—In its great anxiety to make peace with the Yankees, the Raleigh *Standard* and its adherents appear determined that we shall have no peace at home. There are unmistakable signs in that paper that a new programme is being adopted, and that we are prepared for the triple crisis, and are probably informed that a set of resolutions have already been prepared in Raleigh, and the Government, assuming revolution in a certain, economical, just and upright administration of its duties. We will, however, wait and see.

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NINETEEN BIRTH-DAY—A grand bell was rung at the birth of Henry Co., celebrated his 90th birth-day, a few days ago, and while keeping one eye on it, kept the other on his box, expectant to swim, or blower expected to bloom.

Such is our view of the prospect before us.

Crackers may crackle it as gaily, but the country will rally in it, to its, to its.

A NOBLE EXAMPLE—The following dispatch will clear the heart of the whole country. Eight and a half are we that the famous old hundred and fifty-fourth Tennessee has taken the initiative in this matter. As it was among the very first to enter the service, it is a wise determination to be the last to leave it. Let me hope that its noble example will be followed by every regiment in the field:

DAHLIA, GA. January 14.—An enthusiastic meeting of the old 15th Georgia regiment volunteers, was held to day, at which stirring resolutions were unanimously passed, tendering their services to the Confederacy as long as the war lasts. The spirit of the contemplated action of the 15th, and appearing conceivable. The members of the 15th, as far as they can be gathered to inspect, the whole army, and the most auspicious results from its patriotic action may be anticipated. The remnant of Vaughan's brigade is embodied by the action of the 15th, and are now enrolling meeting to the same end.

W. H. GLASSCO.

One Need of Vigorous Preparation. We are informed, says the *Charleston Mercury*, through the United States journals, that great preparations are making by the really sagacious and vigorous Government at Washington, for the spring campaign from Chattanooga. Confidence is expressed that Grant, with his army heavily reinforced, and fully supplied with arms, ordnance stores, clothing, wagons, trains, etc., will drive through Tennessee to Chattanooga.

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